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KILLERS AND SELLERS OF DUCKS
FEEL JUDGE'S HEAVY HAND

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Indicating in emphatic language that the commercial handling of wild fowl is a very serious offense and completely subversive of the purpose of the law, Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, in Federal Court at Baltimore, Md., this week mete^d out unusually heavy fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

On a plea of guilty to the charge of selling six trapped wild ducks, a restaurant proprietor of Salisbury, Md., was fined \$100. An illegal hunter of Aberdeen, Md., was fined \$10 for killing two bufflehead ducks, which are protected by a Federal close season. Three other defendants who entered pleas of guilty to possessing canvasback and scaup ducks in excess of the bag limits were sentenced to pay fines of \$25 each and costs aggregating \$67.75. The four illegal hunters whose cases were thus disposed of were gunning on the Susquehanna Flats, in Maryland when taken by deputies of the Biological Survey in November and December 1934. The last three mentioned had in possession 39 canvasback and 45 scaup ducks, which were held in cold storage pending the outcome of the trial. The court directed that the seized game be given to the Marine Hospital at Baltimore.

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